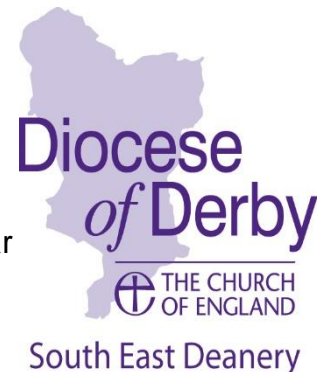


Synod news

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The season for APCMs is upon us. This year the agenda will include the election of representatives on the deanery synod for the three year period up to the 2020 APCM. PCC secretaries have received information on the number of representatives that each parish can send to the synod.



At the last meeting of the deanery synod the point was made that attendance is a small percentage of the number of elected representatives. In part that challenges the deanery team to make the meetings informative and meaningful but perhaps it should also be a challenge to encourage people to stand for election who have a heart for the work of the synod. To encourage reflection one of our churches has issued the message to its members:

We will be looking to appoint xxxx representatives to the deanery synod at this year's annual meeting. The deanery synod forms part of the governance structure of the Church of England and will at times be asked to discuss important developments at a national or diocesan level: two recent examples are the appointment of women bishops and the way the diocese of Derby is financially resourced. However, probably more important for the members of the deanery synod is the working together of all the Anglican churches in this part of Derbyshire seeking ways to share experiences and resources for our shared mission. The synod meets formally three times a year but there are other opportunities to gather around specific events or initiatives and representatives are automatically members of our own church council

On the subject of APCMs please be aware that there are new forms for both the electoral roll and for those wishing to stand as members of PCC, deanery synod or as church wardens. The main difference is that there now needs to be a declaration by candidates that they are a 'fit and proper person' in respect of financial requirements as trustees under the rules of the Charity Commission. This also applies to fees officers and gift aid secretaries if they are not PCC members. The declaration will also require a statement that the candidate is not barred under the DBS safeguarding rules. Upon appointment all PCC members should undertake a DBS check if they do not already have one. Forms and information can be downloaded from <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/>

After the APCM please arrange for the names and addresses of all your representatives to be sent to the deanery administrator.

Brian Parker- Joint Lay Chair

Deanery synod

We had a good meeting in February looking at the opportunities and challenges in our mission to children and young people. Some of the headlines from the discussion

- We must be prepared to engage with children, young people and their families where they are [toddler groups, schools, groups] rather than expect them to come to us
- When young families do try coming to church we need to have the right resources and attitudes to make them feel welcome and wanted
- Today's young people live in a very different environment to the one most of us experienced with social media – its advantages and dangers, 'virtual' peer groups, increased presence of mental health problems

The synod also agreed that the parish contribution for 2017 would be £20. It would be helpful if this was now paid to one of the deanery treasurers. Synod was also challenged to come up with a mission focused celebratory event to mark the 90th anniversary of the diocese in October 2017. A full set of minutes from the meeting is being circulated to synod members with this newsletter.

Work with children and young people is one of our five areas of attention identified by synod members. Another area is working with the middle years. A team of people from the deanery will be meeting with Revd. Jason Kennedy on Thursday 30 March at 7.30pm at All Saints, Marlpool. If this is an area of work that interests you, please speak to the area dean.

Diocesan synod

The diocesan synod met in March and the main item on the agenda was a discussion around the role of church buildings in the mission of the church. There are an ever-increasing number of church buildings in the diocese that cannot be supported either financially or with local people committed to look after them. Our deanery representatives met together to discuss the issues from our local perspective. It was clear that whilst the challenge was recognised the solutions were varied and in themselves challenging. The diocese will undertake a two-year project to look at this issue in more detail. A more detailed report on the synod is enclosed with this mailing for deanery synod members.

In the same way that your parish elects representatives onto the deanery synod, that synod also elects representatives onto the diocesan synod. Here are the current representatives:

- Revd. Jonathan Bell from St Michael and All Angels, Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey with All Saints, Risley
- Revd. Peter Davey from Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley; Peter is also one of the chairs of the diocesan synod and is a member of the bishop's council
- Revd. Christine French from All Saints, Kirk Hallam and St John the Evangelist, Ilkeston
- Richard Henderson-Smith, who was a member of All Saints, Sawley for 30 years and continues to live in the deanery for part of each week but is now reader at St John the Baptist, Ault Hucknall and St Leonards, Scarcliffe in Hardwick deanery where his wife is priest-in-charge. Richard remains a member of our deanery and one of our representatives until his current term on the diocesan synod lapses in 2018.
- Revd. Christopher Holden from the Denby group of churches
- Revd. Ken Johnson from St Giles, Sandiacre
- Gordon Kirkbride from St John's, Long Eaton
- David Martin from Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley; David is also one of our representatives on the diocesan board of education
- Brian Parker, from St John's, Long Eaton; Brian is one of our two deanery lay chairs and also serves on the bishop's council
- Sheila Porter from St John the Baptist, Smalley
- John Puxty from St Mary's Ilkeston; John is also one of our two deanery secretaries and is a reader at St Mary's
- Jan Walker M.B.E from St John the Baptist, Smalley
- Jan Wilkinson from St Michael's, Breaston; Jan is also one of our two deanery treasurers and a church warden at St Michael's.

Vocations Exploration Day

Date: Saturday 25 March 2017, 10:00am - 03:30pm

Location: St John Long Eaton NG10 4NL

Overview:

Could God be prompting you to...

Explore your faith more deeply?

Use your skills and gifts in the church?

Then come along to our Vocation Day to meet with others who are exploring God's call. All Christians are called by God, by virtue of our baptism, to enjoy his love, to love God in return and to serve God and others in our lives. Another way of describing our 'calling' is to talk about 'vocation', a word which comes from the Latin word "vocare" meaning 'to call'.

Vocation doesn't just apply to those people who are called to authorised ministry. We all have a vocation to witness to the transforming love of God through worship and service to others, using the gifts that God has given them. Vocations Team will be delighted to see you

Open to: Everyone

To Book Contact: pa.ddv@derby.anglican.org

Easter Resources



Easter is coming soon and many will have planned or be looking at worship and activity resources for church and outreach work. Here are some helpful sites for further ideas:-

Work with children and schools

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools/assembly>

<http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.co.uk>

<https://www.scriptureunion.org.uk>

Mission ideas

http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/273259/Easter_Mission_Ideas.aspx

Worship ideas

http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/jonnybaker/worship_tricks

<http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/resources>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.co.uk>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/.../texts/times-and-seasons.aspx>

<http://www.praxisworship.org.uk/links.html> which has links to others worship sites

<https://www.rscm.com/music-and-resources/liturgy-and-worship-resources>

Statistics for Mission and Parish Returns

All parishes in the deanery have entered the information required for the statistics for mission and should have received a Parish Dashboard giving that information for their parish in context with the previous ten years. This information may be of use in future planning. Jason Kennedy has asked for feedback as to whether these should be included on the Diocesan website as well as to individual parishes. If you have any strong views either way, please speak to Karen.

The next set of figures that will need entering on the database are the treasurers returns which should be entered as soon as possible after being agreed by you Annual Church Meeting. Please contact Angela, Deanery Administrator, who is happy to meet with you and assist or find people who can help with the process for those who need help with the technology.

If any treasurers, wardens or incumbents would like to find out more about how to do this or have other queries about financial matters in the parish, there will be a briefing by Jason Kennedy and David Meredith that will address this and other information useful to treasurers at 7pm on 3rd May at a venue to be decided. Please book a place with Angela angela.clayton@derby.anglican.org 07518100581

Angela is also available to assist any parish that has individuals who need help with the online DBS applications forms or don't have access to the internet

Do you need help with your church magazine?



Sheila Randall has sent this information for anyone involved with producing their church magazine. The Association has a website <http://www.churchmag.uk/> and membership costs £10 per year

The Association for Church Editors is a not-for-profit group which provides practical help and advice to those concerned with producing church-based communications. We therefore encourage our members to work towards the highest standards of communication between churches and their immediate communities.

- Membership provides the following benefits:
- Sharing of creative ideas and unique materials that are exchanged between members
- Advice and technical tips from experienced church magazine editors
- A regular Ideas Forum, distributed monthly by e-mail, providing more tips and advice
- A national level Awards Scheme is held most years to encourage and recognise the achievements of our members
- Free copies of "Producing a church magazine, Guide to Good Practice" provided to all members
- Constructive feedback and help to improve your own publication
- Workshops in desktop publishing; graphics and photo-editing; and web site design
- Specially negotiated discounts on recommended software applications

Lots more information on the website!

Service Publications Ltd <http://www.servicepublications.co.uk>

At Sawley, where I help produce the magazine, our photocopier recently gave up the ghost and we had to look at new ways of producing a good quality parish magazine that is delivered to about 200 homes as well as published on our website and Facebook sites. The cost of using a printer and producing even a cover in colour was prohibitive. We received an email from Service Publications who have produced free, personalised diaries for many years and are now branching out into printing church magazines. We have tried this service and our first magazine was delivered this month, printed in colour on quality paper. The idea is that we get it **absolutely free** (including postage of 250 magazines to us) and the firm find local advertisers to match our content page for page – so we produce 6 pages and there are 6 pages of adverts (that we can agree are suitable for the publication)

I send in six pages just as they are formatted in the current version and they print it. I would recommend the company.

We are one of the first parishes to try this and there have been a couple of problems: -

1. The company have found it hard to find adverts as they charge commercial rates and we previously charged a lot less. However, they have undertaken to stand the loss for a few months to get the project off the ground and advertisers are coming forward now they can see the first copy.
2. The format is an A5 booklet and a few readers find the print too small and we previously provided a large print edition. However, this can be easily addressed by us printing a few large copies and ensuring larger print in the text we send in for publication next time. If you are having problems with printing costs, I would suggest considering this option. Feel free to contact me - Angela

Free Parish/Church Magazine Service

We are pleased to announce that from January 2017 Service Publications will be offering a **FREE** Colour Parish Magazine Service, whether monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

The magazines are totally financed by advertising secured through local businesses.

The Free service includes:

- Artwork
- Proofs
- Printing
- Delivery

All you need to do is supply the editorial as a 'Word' document and any high resolution pictures to be used no later than twelve days before the required delivery date.



For more information on this service please contact Vernon on

01273 454536 Ext 213



Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ during the week before Pentecost. *'The most important thing I've ever done is become a follower of Jesus. I want everyone to hear his voice calling to them. That's why I'm praying for people to know his life-transforming love. Will you join me and Christians around the world and [#Pledge2Pray](https://www.thykingdomcome.global) as part of Thy Kingdom Come 2017?' – Justin Welby*

There is a website with ideas for churches, individuals and families

Ideas include :-

Pray for 5 friends or family to come to know Christ

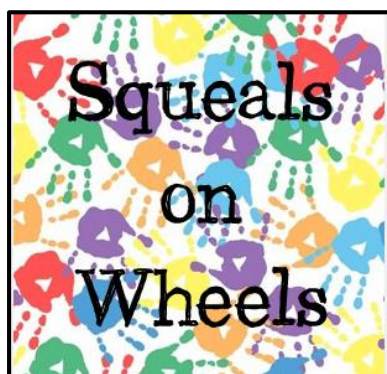
Novena prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost

Prayer stations and activities for children

A day of prayer in your local church or around the parish

The Kingdom pack – using household items as a focus for prayer

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>



Squeals on Wheels is a parent and toddler group that meets on Monday mornings in school term time in the church building in All Saints Ripley. It has been running for many years, with two separate sessions of 90 minutes each, and 60 children in each session. We currently we have a team of 8 or so regular helpers, and often have a waiting list of children wanting to join.

We have a church with moveable chairs and a carpeted floor which is very flexible (apart from how heavy the chairs are!). We use the chairs to separate the church into different areas, i.e. craft table, books, puzzles, a baby area, and towards the end of the session we invite people to come to the chancel where we aim to bring fun, laughter, singing and dancing, and a very short Bible story, with a prayer to end the session. Most families choose to join in. The children's ages range from new-born, (yes, they come at a week old!) up to age 3 where they usually move on to nursery. We are so blessed to be able to accommodate these children with their families into our church, and we have enjoyed welcoming wider family and friends to baptisms and thanksgivings of Squeals on Wheels children. As a church, we are now looking for ways to follow up the good connections with families that are made in Squeals on Wheels, as we have no equivalent once children start at school. We gather that parents miss it once the children move on! (*Squeals on Wheels is led by Elaine Joel at All Saints' Ripley*)

"God says: As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you " Isaiah 66:13

As we approach Mothering Sunday (26th March) we thank The Lord for all those who play a nurturing and mothering role in the lives of young people. As our name suggests, Mothering Sunday is a really special day for Mothers' Union and there are some excellent resources to equip clergy and worship leaders. If you haven't already, you can find service plans, children's activities, prayers and much more on their website

<http://www.mothersunion.org/resources#overlay-context=our-focus/mothering-sunday>

Mothers' Union has a presence in 83 countries

Make a Mother's Day 2017

The 26th March is creeping up – MU can help you buy an ethical gift. They have an excellent selection of gifts available this year at a range of prices. For example, £15 can help a mother read and write, giving her a wealth of opportunities for her and her family's future with our Literacy and Numeracy gift. All of the gifts have been selected to support Mothers' Union's programmes around the world helping mothers all over the world move from life on the margins right to the heart of their families and communities. Give a gift that puts mothers at the heart of everything this year



£10.00 could help a mother like Marie Claire Agahire, learn a skill to provide for her family and community.

In Derbyshire, the Mothers' Union is closely involved in working alongside Bishop Alastair with providing support for women and families caught up in Modern day slavery. Also working with families experiencing difficulties, providing parenting skills. Emily Brailsford runs several of these especially in the north of the county.

Away From It All (AFIA) is a scheme funded by members of the Mothers' Union to help people who are in need of a break, for whatever reason, and who require some financial assistance towards this. They help families, individuals, groups and school children with funding towards holidays, short breaks or days out. Recently with trips to Skegness and Buxton for groups of disadvantaged children but also with help towards cost of kick-boxing classes, a pair of trainers for an outward bound course and other practical items that families often cannot afford but that children need to take part in activities. **If anyone knows of a family that needs a little help to pay towards school trips or activities or basic needs then do ask the Mothers' Union if they can help.**

In Derby Diocese there are 50 Mothers' Union branches, usually attached to an Anglican parish church. In addition to branch members there are also individual diocesan members.

Branches generally hold monthly meetings. Events are also held at deanery and diocesan level (for further details see 'Forthcoming Events' on Diocesan web page)

Email: mothersunion@derby.anglican.org

On 25th March (which marks the Feast of the Annunciation) there will be a eucharist at St Augustine's Church, Derby at 2pm organised by The Mothers' Union. Guest Preacher: Revd Cath Hollywell who will talk about refugee projects

Information provided by Beryl Murdy, Deanery Synod member for Marlpool and Vice President of Derbyshire Mothers' Union

Erewash's



Our very own local Talent Search! Prizes include Professional Photo Shoot, Representation & story in the local paper!

Do you have talent that you would like to share with Erewash? Can you Sing, Dance, Act, Recite? Does your parrot sing happy birthday or maybe you have a special natural ability or aptitude? Whatever it is, we want to see it!

Final on 20th May, St John's Church Hall, Nottingham Road, Ilkeston. 7.30pm-9pm. *Parental consent required for under 18's

£2.50 admission fee to the final which includes a drink and light refreshments. Amazing raffle prizes too. An evening of great entertainment. Local judges who we will all recognise. Head judge, Dave Allen of Erewash Sound, come along and say hello!

All monies raised will go to St John's Organ Fund, they need to raise £40,000

HOW TO ENTER

EMAIL OR FACEBOOK US A SHORT VIDEO OF YOU PERFORMING YOUR TALENT! IF CHOSEN, YOU WILL BE INVITED TO THE GRAND FINAL IN ILKESTON ON THE 20TH MAY, IF NOT COME ALONG ANYWAY!

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All Saints Church, Kirk Hallam
Working with God to transform lives and communities



DEATH MATTERS

You are invited to a free informative afternoon when we will be talking about all things to do with death, dying and funerals.

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH
2.00PM TO 4.30PM

AT KIRK HALLAM, COMMUNITY HALL,
KENILWORTH DRIVE.

Guest speakers include:

- Rev Christine French
- GT Edwards Funeral Directors
- Tree Tops Hospice
- & advice from Bailey's Stone Masons, Ilkeston

This is a chance to ask questions, learn about the facts and choices around death, dying and funerals

There will be absolutely NO SELLING except tea, coffee & cakes

Links to other resources and information

Our Diocese' & Cycle of Prayer

'Our Diocese' is a monthly publication giving the latest news and information from the Diocese and is available to download at: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-12.html>

The Cycle of Prayer covers the whole Diocese over the year and we are encouraged to pray for a specific parish or ministry each day. Details are available at: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/cycle-of-prayer.html>

You can access all Derby Diocese publications and sign up for the e-news on the publications page of the website: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications.html>

The Church of England website has a brilliant page of parish resources <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/>

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AVAILABLE

Tues 11-Apr-17	C1: Safeguarding in a Church Context	6:30pm – 9pm	Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR	Limited Spaces
Wed 19-Apr-17	C2: Safeguarding for Leaders	6:30 – 9:30pm	Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR	Limited Spaces
Thurs 04-May-17	C1: Safeguarding in a Church Context	6:30pm – 9pm	St John's Church, Canal Street, Long Eaton, NG10 4GA	
Thurs 11-May-17	C3: Safeguarding for Oversight	9:30 – 4:30pm	All Saints Church, Ilkeston Rd, Marlpool, Derbyshire, DE75 7BP	
Thurs 15-Jun-17	C1: Safeguarding in a Church Context	6:30pm – 9pm	Peak Deanery venue to be confirmed	
Thurs 06-Jul-17	C1: Safeguarding in a Church Context	6:30pm – 9pm	Duffield & Longford Deanery venue to be confirmed	

Training courses can be booked via
www.derbysafeguarding.eventbrite.com

It is hoped that additional safeguarding training sessions will be available soon and the online initial level '0' course will be rolled out very soon.

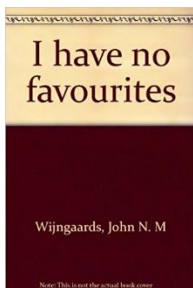
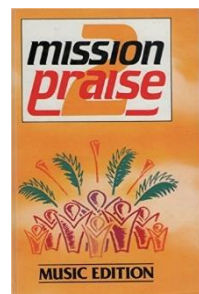
Treasurer's briefing- there will be a two- hour session suitable for new treasurers, wardens or anyone who needs to familiarize themselves with the online data system for financial reports. This will be led by Jason Kennedy, David Mundy and David Meredith from the parish resource team. The session will be at on Wednesday 3rd May starting at 7pm at a place to suit the majority of participants. Please contact Angela asap if you would like a place.

First aid Training- this may be available in Langley Mill provided by a local agency, time and date to be confirmed. The price would be £10 per person. Please contact Angela if you would be interested

If you have any other training needs that could be provided in the Deanery, please contact Angela.

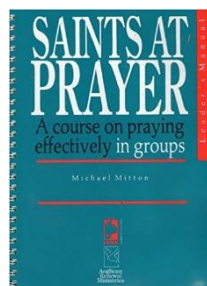
Free to good home.....

A supply of Mission Praise Books from a church in Heanor that are no longer needed. There is a music for both Mission Praise One (Blue) and Mission Praise Two (orange) plus a set of approx 30 mission praise one and 40 mission praise two paperback word books .



Also a set of prayer resources suitable for a group study. The bag contains books and videos by John Wijngaards 'I have no favourites' and 'Together in my name'

Plus a full set of a prayer and spirituality course materials by Michael Mitton 'Saints at Prayer' comprising a leaders handbook and approx 40 workbooks



Please contact Angela if you wish to know any more about these items